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SUBJ: VISIT OF SOVIET CHIEF OF STAFF TO SYRIA

1. COS SHIHABI CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR APRIL 21 THAT SOVIET COS GENERAL V.G. KULIKOV WOULD ARRIVE SYRIA APRIL 22 FOR SEVERAL DAYS VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY. HE DESCRIBED GENERAL KULIKOV AS DYNAMIC OFFICER ABOUT 52 YEARS OLD, COMMENTING THIS REMARKABLY YOUNG FOR A TOP LEVEL SOVIET MILITARY COMMANDER.

2. THIS IS KULIKOV'S FIRST VISIT TO SYRIA AND AS FAR AS SHIHABI IS AWARE SYRIA IS HIS ONLY SCHEDULED STOP IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SHIHABI DOES NOT ANTICIPATE DISCUSSING EXPANDED SOVIET ARMS SUPPLY TO SYRIA WITH KULIKOV SINCE "THIS IS A QUESTION FOR NEGOTIATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS."
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